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FOLLOWING REPEAT NATO 3703 SENT SECSTATE DATED JULY 11.

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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PARM, NATO

SUBJECT: FALL MEETING OF NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS

REF: STATE 153509

1. AT JULY 9 MEETING, POLADS HAD INITIAL DISCUSSION OF FALL MEETING OF NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERS. US REP EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR MEETING FIRST OR SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER. SEVERAL OTHER REPS ALSO INDICATED THAT FIRST OR SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER WULD BE SATISFACTORY, THOUGH UK REP (MARGETSON) ENTERED REQUEST FOR SEPTEMBER 22-23. NO DECISION WAS TAKEN ON DATES AND POLADS WILL RETURN TO THIS MATTER ON JULY 15.

2. RE AGENDA, DUTCH REP(HORAK) TABLED FOLLOWING SUGGESTED TOPICS:

A. GEOPHYSICAL WARFAR

2. HUMANITARIAN LAW IN ARMED CONFLICTS
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3. EVALUATION OF THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE

- 4. PNES
- 5. NFZS
- 6. PREPARATIONS FOR SEABEDS TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE
- 3. CHAIRMAN (KASTL) RECALLED THAT AT JULY 1 MEETING, IS REP HAD REQUESTED THAT ANY DISCUSSION BY DISARMAMENT EXPERTS OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS ISSUES BE BASED ON GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTIONS (SEE USNATO 3551 AND STATE 154291). FRG REP (CITRON) EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH US VIEW ON THIS POINT. UK REP (MARGETSON) SUGGESTED DISDARMAMEENT EXPERTTS DEVOTE FULL FIRST DAY OF MEETING TO CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS ISSUES.
- 4. COMMENT: BASED ON FYI PORTION OF PARA 1 REFTEL WE PLAN TO SAY AT JULY 15 POLADS THAT SEPTEMBER 22-23 DATES PROPOSED BY UK WOULD NOT BE CONVENIENT FOR US. WE HAVE ASKED NETHELANDS DEL FOR CLARIFICATION OF WHAT THEY MEAN BY "GEOPHYSICAL WARFARE". WE PRESUME THEY ARE REFERRING TO ASPECTS OF ENMOD, BUT NETHERLANDS DEL SAID THEY WOLD TRY TO PROVIDE EXPLANATION.
- 5. ACTION: REQUET GUIDANCE, IF POSSIBLE IN TIME FOR JULY 15 POLADS, ON:

A. DUTCH SUGGESTIONS 3 AND 6(PARA 2 ABOVE) FOR AGENDA ITEMS (ITEMS 2, 4 AND 5 RE COVERED BY INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL); B. UK SUGGESTION THAT DISARMAMENT EXPERTS DEVOTE FULL DAY TO CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS ISSUES. HEREZ UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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